

EXHIBIT [5] -
Karasic Deposition
Transcript
(public document)

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA

VICTOR VOE, by and through
his parents and next friends,
Vanessa Voe and Vance Voe,
et al.,

Plaintiffs

vs.

CASE NO.:

THOMAS MANSFIELD, in his
official capacity as Chief
Executive Officer of the
North Carolina Medical
Board, et al.,

1:23-cv-864

Defendants

and

PHILIP BERGER, in his official
Capacity as President Pro
Tempore of the North Carolina
Senate, and TIMOTHY K. MOORE,

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in his official capacity as
Speaker of the North Carolina
House of Representatives,
Intervenor-Defendants

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The Virtual Video-recorded Deposition of
DR. DAN H. KARASIC, was held on Tuesday, September
10, 2024, commencing at 9:03 a.m., at the offices of
the deponent, in Cloverdale, California, before
Oneeka S. Hill, Notary Public.

REPORTED BY: Oneeka S. Hill

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1 And so, they -- it was refused by the
2 IRB. It's very unusual for major journal like
3 Archives to publish it anyway. And -- so then the
4 publisher over the editor of Archives retracted the
5 article. And so, then, they brought it to this
6 other journal, and I'm not aware of -- of anything
7 else --

8 Q Okay.

9 A -- you know, involved with this -- this
10 other journal.

11 Q Okay. Let's go back to your affirmative
12 report. It's Exhibit 1, paragraph 44 is what we're
13 going to look at.

14 A Yes.

15 Q So these are the DSM-5-TR criteria for
16 gender dysphoria in adolescents and adults, right?

17 A Yes.

18 Q And these are different from the
19 criteria for gender dysphoria in children, right?

20 A Yes.

21 Q All right. So you see there's like a A

1 criteria that has some subcriteria with it?

2 A Yes.

3 Q So for A, if a minor has a strong desire
4 for the primary and/or secondary sex characteristics
5 of the other gender, plus had a strong conviction
6 that the minor had the typical feelings and
7 reactions of the other gender, then that would be
8 enough to satisfy the A criterion, right?

9 A So the -- the -- this diagnosis is made
10 in adolescents and adults. So you're talking about
11 in a adolescent minor?

12 Q Yes.

13 A Okay. So -- so they would need to have
14 a marked incongruence between their experience or
15 express gender and assigned gender of at least six
16 months, and then they would have to have two of the
17 other six symptoms.

18 Q You say -- and so, in the marked
19 incongruence between the -- when experienced
20 expressed gender and assigned gender at least six
21 months duration, is it as manifested by at least two

1 of the following?

2 A Right. So they have to have that A
3 criteria -- no, they have to have two of them that
4 reflect this broader A criteria. So the A criteria
5 is that marked incongruence between expressed or
6 experienced gender, and assigned gender at least six
7 months duration, and the manifestation of A is --
8 are these six subheadings, and you have to have two
9 of them.

10 Q And for the B criterion, the DSM-5-TR
11 considers whether there is significant distress or
12 impairment in social, occupational or other
13 important areas of functioning, right?

14 A Yes.

15 Q Let's go to -- to paragraph 62. It's on
16 page 17.

17 A Yes.

18 Q So am I correct that you opine in your
19 report that WPATH SOC 8 and the Endocrine Society
20 Guidelines are the authoritative protocols for the
21 treatment of gender dysphoria, is that right?

1 confirm when you have a chance to pull it up that
2 that's Hembree, 2017?

3 A Yes, so it's Hembree, 2017.

4 Q Let's turn to page -- it's 3875 in the
5 numbering that this document uses. It should be
6 around page 7 in the PDF, page 3875.

7 So you see that this includes Table 1
8 definitions of terms used in this guideline.

9 A Yes.

10 Q Do you see down where the table defines
11 the word "sex"?

12 A Yes, biologic sex you mean?

13 Q I'm looking -- so, it also has a
14 definition for biologic sex. But, also, does it
15 define just sex by itself?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So for the definition of sex by itself,
18 that refers to attributes that characterize
19 biological maleness or femaleness, the best known
20 attributes include the sex determining genes, the
21 sex chromosomes, the HY antigen, the gonads, sex

1 hormones, internal and external genitalia, and
2 secondary sex characteristics, right?

3 A Yes.

4 Q So the Endocrine Society Guidelines do
5 not include gender identity as an attribute for sex,
6 correct?

7 MS. COURSOLE: Object to form.

8 A That's correct.

9 MR. HILDABRAND: I know we haven't gone
10 quite an hour. I'm getting ready to start on a much
11 larger block. I don't know if we want to take a
12 lunch break at some point -- (inaudible) -- on that
13 time. Would that be fine with y'all?

14 THE WITNESS: Yes.

15 MR. HILDABRAND: All right. Let's go
16 off the record then.

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're going off the
18 record. The time on the video is 12:04 p.m.

19 (A break was taken.)


20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the
21 record. The time on the video is 12:35 p.m.


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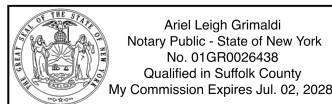
I hereby certify that I have read and examined the foregoing transcript, and the same is a true and accurate record of the testimony given by me.

Any additions or corrections that I feel are necessary will be made on the Errata Sheet.

State of New York
County of Suffolk
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 20th day of September, 2024, by DAN HALABAN KARASIC.

 Dan Karasic


Ariel Grimaldi
Notary Public



DR. DAN H. KARASIC

My commission expires July 2nd, 2028
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